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TO U.S.

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1. MRS. YVETTE BIRO VISITED EMBASSY NOV. 8 TWO ITEMS OF PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE DEVELOPED.
2. FIRST, MRS. BIRO STATED THAT NONE OF TRIO HAS EVER BEEN MEMBER OF COMMUNIST PARTY. THIS REMOVES A MAJOR PROBLEM OF VISA INELIGIBILITY WITH WHICH WE WERE CONCERNED -- AND SIMPLIFIES DECISION WE REQUESTED IN REFTEL.
3. SECOND, MRS. BIRO SAID KONRAD AND SZELNYI WERE NOT RPT NOT TOLD SPECIFICALLY THAT THEY SHOULD EMIGRATE "TO U.S." HOWEVER, SHE SAID IT WAS TO U.S. THAT ALL THREE PREFERRED TO GO. (SHE SAID STATEMENT, WHICH WAS READ TO THEM BY POLICE OFFICIAL, WAS RATHER IN THE FORM OF AN OFFER TO LET THEM EMIGRATE THAN AN EXPULSION, AND THAT U.S. NOT SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO. SAID TRIO HAS ALSO APPLIED AT BRITISH AND FRENCH EMBASSIES. HOWEVER, THEY ALL WISH TO GO TO U.S., AS THEY HAVE JOB OFFERS THERE. THEY DO NOT HAVE JOB OFFERS ELSEWHERE.)

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4. MRS. BIRO GAVE US COMPLETED LABOR DEPT FORM AND

IMMIGRANT STATUS QUESTIONNAIRE AND THOSE OF GYORGY
KONRAD. EMBASSY ENDORSED LABOR FORMS AS REQUIRED
AND APPLICANTS WILL FORWARD THEM TO PROSPECTIVE
EMPLOYERS IN U.S. ALL THREE HAVE NOW THEREFORE
COMPLETED INITIAL FORMS AND CAN ONLY FORMALLY APPLY
FOR VISAS AFTER RECEIVING DOL CERTIFICATION, OR IN KONRAD'S
CASE AFTER RECEIVING PREFERENCE PETITION FROM HIS SISTER.
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